

Third Generation Seesaw Mixing with new Vector-Like Weak-Doublet Quarks

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Abstract

We present a class of models with a third generation seesaw mixing with new vector-like weak-doublet quarks. We analyze a low-energy phenomenology and present several strong dynamics, high-energy realizations of these models. In the Topcolor type scenario, named Top-Bottom Color, we obtain an effective, composite two Higgs doublet model where the third generation isospin splitting is introduced via tilting interactions related to the broken non-abelian gauge groups (i.e. without strong, triviality-sensitive $U(1)$ groups). In addition, we discuss $t\bar{t}$ production at the Next Linear Collider (NLC) and suggest how one can experimentally observe and distinguish between the weak-doublet and the weak-singlet types of seesaw mixing.

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1 Introduction and Synopsis

Particle physics of the last century gave us an impressively correct low-energy phenomenological picture. A large share of that fundamental development is the idea of the broken electro-weak (EW) symmetry explaining the presence of heavy Z and W gauge bosons, the relation between their masses, and their specific couplings to the fermions. However, the high-energy sector that overcomes the hierarchy problem and that is responsible for the EW symmetry breaking is yet to be understood.

Models with strong dynamics address the hierarchy problem through the slow, logarithmic running of gauge couplings of non-abelian gauge groups that, after a huge interval of energy scales, finally become strong enough to produce substantial, “interesting”, effects on our low-energy world. Although attractive, this idea poses many challenges - particularly in the simultaneous dynamical EW symmetry breaking and mass generation for third generation quarks.

The general motivation for the seesaw models [1, 2] involving third generation quarks and embedded in a Topcolor scheme [3] is to “lower” the prediction for the large dynamical mass of the top quark. If the compositeness scale, the scale of new physics, is not very large, then the dynamical mass is around 600 GeV - as implied by the Pagels-Stokar relationship [4] (with the fixed vacuum expectation value (VEV), $v_{EW} \approx 246$ GeV, of the composite scalar field). With a seesaw mass mechanism, the physical top quark is just partially dynamical and it can have the correct mass [1, 2]. In addition, the Topcolor scale is assumed to be low and the fine tuning problem in this context is resolved, although without a natural explanation of why the top Yukawa coupling equals one.

Earlier work in this direction addressed the seesaw mechanism with new weak-singlet quarks in the top sector [1, 2], as well as in the bottom sector [5]. In the class of models presented in this paper, we show that the realistic top and bottom quark masses may be also obtained via third generation seesaw mixing with new vector-like weak-doublet¹ quarks. With this setup it is possible to economically² produce the correct masses of the top and bottom quarks in the Topcolor type of models and conserve the low scale of Topcolor, with an acceptable amount of fine tuning. In addition, in models that include simple, commuting (in respect to the weak $SU(2)_W$ gauge group) Extended Technicolor (ETC) interactions [6], we find that the large mass of the top quark may be generated with slightly relaxed corrections to the bottom quark EW coupling, which are otherwise proportional to the large top quark mass [7]. The low-energy phenomenological structure is found to be just slightly altered from its successful Standard Model (SM) form.

An additional motivation to study the third generation seesaw mechanisms with

¹It is often the case that a large number of extra $SU(2)_W$ doublets in models of strong dynamics may produce an unacceptably large contribution to the S parameter. We show that such contributions are avoidable in the class of models that we consider here.

²In this context “economically” means a small number of additional “new physics” parameters - mass parameters in particular - reflecting the high-energy dynamics.

weak-doublet quarks may be found in the recent development of models with extra dimensions where the vector-like doubling of the fermion spectrum arises naturally [8]. At the same time in the class of Topflavor models [9], with extra $SU(2)$ or $U(1)$ gauge group in the EW sector, a similar weak-doublet structure is introduced to make the theory free of anomaly while an extended Higgs sector yields mass mixing matrices similar to the ones that will be described in this paper.

First, we present the fermion charge assignments under the SM gauge group and the mechanism of the mass mixing. Next, we analyze some of the phenomenological consequences of this low-energy structure. Then, we explore the possible high-energy realizations from which that low-energy structure could emerge. Finally we discuss the direct search potential of $t\bar{t}$ production at the Next Linear Collider (NLC) and suggest how one can experimentally observe and distinguish between the two (weak-singlet and weak-doublet) types of seesaw mechanisms.

2 Low-Energy Weak-Doublets Structure

We consider the following third generation fermionic representations under the SM gauge group, $SU(3)_{QCD} \otimes SU(2)_W \otimes U(1)_Y$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{1L} &= \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}, (3, 2, 1/6); & \Psi_{2L} &= \begin{pmatrix} T_L \\ B_L \end{pmatrix}, (3, 2, 1/6); \\ \Psi_R &= \begin{pmatrix} T_R \\ B_R \end{pmatrix}, (3, 2, 1/6); & t_R, (3, 1, 2/3); & b_R, (3, 1, -1/3). \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

As compared to the SM structure, the anomalies introduced by the additional left-handed and right-handed doublets cancel among themselves.

We assume the fermion mass mixing structure to be of the seesaw type. The possible dynamical origin of the specific mass terms that we introduce in this section and a motivation for their hierarchy will be discussed in Section 4 from the perspective of physics at higher energies.

First, we introduce the weak “doublet - doublet” mass terms

$$m_p \bar{\Psi}_{1L} \Psi_R + m_q \bar{\Psi}_{2L} \Psi_R. \quad (2.2)$$

Next, we introduce the “doublet - singlet” mass terms

$$m_1 \bar{t}_L t_R + m_2 \bar{b}_L b_R. \quad (2.3)$$

Here we have assumed a hierarchy that requires $m_p, m_q > m_1, m_2$. Later, we will explicitly consider the case where $m_p > m_q$. We assume that no other mass terms are present³.

³The presence of $m_{1'} \bar{T}_L t_R + m_{2'} \bar{B}_L b_R$ mass terms, with $m_{1'(2')} \ll m_{1(2)}$, would only slightly alter the results of our analysis.

The mass structure neatly splits into two separate structures for quarks of equal electric charge,

$$(\bar{t}_L \quad \bar{T}_L) \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_p \\ 0 & m_q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$(\bar{b}_L \quad \bar{B}_L) \begin{pmatrix} m_2 & m_p \\ 0 & m_q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_R \\ B_R \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.5)$$

Performing the rotations separately on the left-handed and the right-handed states one diagonalizes the mass matrices and obtains the heavy (mostly non-SM) and the light (mostly SM) mass eigenstates; for example

$$T_R^m = -t_R \sin \varphi_t + T_R \cos \varphi_t, \quad t_R^m = t_R \cos \varphi_t + T_R \sin \varphi_t. \quad (2.6)$$

Lower case fermions with the superscript m denote the lighter mass eigenstates while upper case fermions with superscript m represent the heavier mass eigenstates.

The physical (light and heavy) masses are given roughly as

$$m_t \approx \frac{m_1 m_q}{\sqrt{m_p^2 + m_q^2}}; \quad m_b \approx \frac{m_2 m_q}{\sqrt{m_p^2 + m_q^2}}; \quad M_T \approx M_B \approx M = \sqrt{m_p^2 + m_q^2}. \quad (2.7)$$

The potentially dangerous rotations between right-handed weak singlet and doublet quarks (of the same electric charge) are roughly given by

$$\sin^2 \varphi_t \approx \frac{m_1^2 m_p^2}{(m_p^2 + m_q^2)^2}, \quad \sin^2 \varphi_b \approx \frac{m_2^2 m_p^2}{(m_p^2 + m_q^2)^2}, \quad (2.8)$$

whereas the rotation among left-handed fermions (we include the superscript L for distinction) are given by

$$\sin^2 \varphi_t^L \approx \frac{m_p^2}{m_p^2 + m_q^2}, \quad \sin^2 \varphi_b^L \approx \frac{m_p^2}{m_p^2 + m_q^2}. \quad (2.9)$$

We adopt the convention that all $\sin \varphi > 0$, $\sin \varphi^L > 0$.

The couplings of the left-handed fermions to the Z boson are the same as in the SM, while right-handed fermions' couplings to the Z boson may be expressed in terms of the above angles as

$$(\bar{t}_R^m \quad \bar{T}_R^m) \begin{pmatrix} T_3(t_L) \sin^2 \varphi_t - Q(t) \sin^2 \theta_W & -\cos \varphi_t \sin \varphi_t T_3(t_L) \\ -\cos \varphi_t \sin \varphi_t T_3(t_L) & T_3(t_L) \cos^2 \varphi_t - Q(t) \sin^2 \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R^m \\ T_R^m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.10)$$

$$(\bar{b}_R^m \quad \bar{B}_R^m) \begin{pmatrix} T_3(b_L) \sin^2 \varphi_b - Q(b) \sin^2 \theta_W & -\cos \varphi_b \sin \varphi_b T_3(b_L) \\ -\cos \varphi_b \sin \varphi_b T_3(b_L) & T_3(b_L) \cos^2 \varphi_b - Q(b) \sin^2 \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_R^m \\ B_R^m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.11)$$

with $(e/\cos\theta_W\sin\theta_W)$ factored out. As usual, e symbolizes electric charge and θ_W is the weak angle. In order to have a viable model, we will show that $\sin^2\varphi_b$ should be very small.

The left-handed fermions' couplings to the W boson may be expressed as

$$(\bar{b}_L^m \ \bar{B}_L^m) \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_t^L \cos\varphi_b^L + \sin\varphi_t^L \sin\varphi_b^L & \sin\varphi_t^L \cos\varphi_b^L - \cos\varphi_t^L \sin\varphi_b^L \\ \cos\varphi_t^L \sin\varphi_b^L - \sin\varphi_t^L \cos\varphi_b^L & \cos\varphi_t^L \cos\varphi_b^L + \sin\varphi_t^L \sin\varphi_b^L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_L^m \\ T_L^m \end{pmatrix} \\ \approx (\bar{b}_L^m \ \bar{B}_L^m) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_L^m \\ T_L^m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.12)$$

with $(e/\sqrt{2}\sin\theta_W)$ factored out. The right-handed fermions' couplings to the W boson are

$$(\bar{b}_R^m \ \bar{B}_R^m) \begin{pmatrix} \sin\varphi_t \sin\varphi_b & -\cos\varphi_t \sin\varphi_b \\ -\sin\varphi_t \cos\varphi_b & \cos\varphi_t \cos\varphi_b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R^m \\ T_R^m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.13)$$

again with $(e/\sqrt{2}\sin\theta_W)$ factored out.

3 Low-Energy Phenomenology

The immediate low-energy physical implications of our low-energy setup with small mixing angles in the right-handed fermionic sector are the following: first, the light mass eigenstates corresponding to the top and bottom quarks have the correct $SU(3)_{QCD} \times U(1)_{EM}$ quantum numbers; second, the EW couplings of the third generation quarks differ only slightly from those in the SM; third, as we will show, the radiative corrections of interest resemble those in the SM (and moreover we do not find Z - γ mixing). The oblique corrections place stronger constraint on the model parameters than the tree-level limits coming from the Z -pole data (constraining only φ_b). Left-handed mixings are not constrained by EW data.

3.1 Limits on φ_b from the Z -pole data

From the Z boson coupling to right-handed bottom quarks, equation (2.11), we note that the shift in the EW bottom coupling causes the parameter R_b to decrease, i.e.

$$\frac{\delta R_b}{R_b^{SM}} = (R_b^{SM} - 1) \frac{12 \sin^2\theta_W \sin^2\varphi_b}{9 - 12 \sin^2\theta_W + 8 \sin^4\theta_W} \approx -33\% \sin^2\varphi_b, \quad (3.1)$$

and as we see this change is proportional to $\sin^2\varphi_b$, clearly forcing the mixing angle to be small. The one-loop corrections involving heavy $B^m(T^m)$ and $Z(W)$ exchange, are expected to be smaller due to the suppression via large M_T, M_B masses ($\approx M$).

The parameter R_b is not the only one influenced by the tree-level shift in the EW bottom coupling to the Z boson. We find that nine observables are affected:

$\Gamma_Z, \Gamma_{had}, R_b, R_c, R_e, R_\mu, R_\tau, A_{FB}^b$, and A_b . Using the general approach of reference [10], and the experimentally measured and SM predicted values as in [11], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\Delta\Gamma_Z}{(\Gamma_Z)_{SM}} &= -0.0628 \sin^2 \varphi_b , \\
\frac{\Delta\Gamma_{had}}{(\Gamma_{had})_{SM}} &= -\frac{\Delta R_c}{(R_c)_{SM}} = \frac{\Delta R_e}{(R_e)_{SM}} = \frac{\Delta R_\mu}{(R_\mu)_{SM}} = \frac{\Delta R_\tau}{(R_\tau)_{SM}} = -0.0899 \sin^2 \varphi_b , \\
\frac{\Delta R_b}{(R_b)_{SM}} &= -0.3268 \sin^2 \varphi_b , \\
\frac{\Delta A_{FB}^b}{(A_{FB}^b)_{SM}} &= \frac{\Delta A_b}{(A_b)_{SM}} = 0.8630 \sin^2 \varphi_b .
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

We performed a fit to constrain the amount of mixing in the right-handed bottom sector and found the 3σ constraint to be

$$\sin^2 \varphi_b \leq 0.0052 . \tag{3.3}$$

It is interesting to note that the fit generally prefers a negative values of $\sin^2 \varphi_b$. For example, the SM value of $\sin^2 \varphi_b = 0$ is 2.1σ above the best fit value.

The caveat is that in this calculation we included just the tree-level shift in right-handed bottom Z coupling, as given by equation (2.11), while we neglected the effects of oblique corrections, implied by “new physics”, in alteration of the Z -pole observable theoretical predictions. Clearly, once we have the full model, including the entire scalar spectrum (and possibly the additional “new physics”) these corrections must be included.

Actually, in the framework of our low-energy setup, we expect $\sin^2 \varphi_b$ to be much smaller than the limiting value in equation (3.3) . Just from the consistency of the model, i.e. $\sin^2 \varphi_t \leq 1$, we obtain

$$\sin^2 \varphi_b \leq \frac{m_b^2}{m_t^2} \approx 0.0006 , \tag{3.4}$$

or an order of magnitude more stringent limit than in equation (3.3).

3.2 Oblique Corrections

The $(\delta T)_{NP} = \alpha_{EM}^{-1}(\delta\rho)_{NP}$ and $(\delta S)_{NP}$ oblique radiative correction parameters represent the contribution of the “new physics” in our case, i.e. the contribution of the two-doublets structure minus the contribution of the SM one-doublet structure, to the differences that can be defined [12] as

$$T = \frac{4}{\alpha_{EM} v_{EW}^2} (\Pi_{11}(0) - \Pi_{33}(0)) \tag{3.5}$$

$$S = -\frac{16\pi}{M_Z^2} \left(\Pi_{3Y}(M_Z^2) - \Pi_{3Y}(0) \right) . \tag{3.6}$$

Here $\Pi_{jk}(q^2)$ are the gauge bosons' (W_i^μ and B^μ) vacuum polarizations, M_Z is Z boson mass, and $v_{EW} \approx 246$ GeV.

In the one-loop approximation, and in the basis of fermionic mass eigenstates, using the standard formalism (see, for example, [13]), from equations (2.7)-(2.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta T)_{NP} \approx & \frac{3G_F}{8\pi^2\sqrt{2}\alpha_{EM}} [\sin^2 \varphi_t \sin^2 \varphi_b f(m_t, m_b) \\
& + \sin^2 \varphi_t (\sin^2 \varphi_t - \sin^2 \varphi_b) f(m_t, M) \\
& + \sin^2 \varphi_b (\sin^2 \varphi_b - \sin^2 \varphi_t) f(m_b, M)] \quad (3.7)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta S)_{NP} \approx & -\frac{2\alpha_{EM}}{\sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W} [\sin^2 \varphi_t \cos^2 \varphi_t \left(\frac{5}{3} + \ln \frac{m_t^2}{M^2} \right) \\
& + \sin^2 \varphi_b \cos^2 \varphi_b \left(\frac{5}{3} + \ln \frac{m_b^2}{M^2} \right)] , \quad (3.8)
\end{aligned}$$

where G_F is the Fermi constant and the function $f(x, y)$ is defined as

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - \frac{2x^2y^2}{x^2 - y^2} \ln \frac{x^2}{y^2} . \quad (3.9)$$

In the limit $\sin^2 \varphi_t, \sin^2 \varphi_b \rightarrow 0$ we see that $(\delta T)_{NP}, (\delta S)_{NP} \rightarrow 0$ and therefore, with appropriately small mixing angles, corrections to the oblique parameters are easily kept under control.

In the previous subsection we found that φ_b is expected to be extremely small and therefore we may safely neglect the terms with $\sin^2 \varphi_b$. This simplifies the expression for $(\delta T)_{NP}$, i.e.

$$(\delta T)_{NP} \approx \frac{3G_F}{8\pi^2\sqrt{2}\alpha_{EM}} \sin^4 \varphi_t M^2 \approx \frac{m_1^4}{m_p^2 m_t^2} (\delta T)_t , \quad (3.10)$$

where $(\delta T)_t$ is the SM contribution of the top quark and where we have assumed that m_q is sufficiently smaller than m_p so that $M \approx m_p$.

In the framework of the Topcolor scheme, if we take $m_1 \approx 600$ GeV (from the Pagels-Stokar relationship), then from equation (3.10) we find that $m_p \approx M$ must be larger than⁴ ≈ 5 TeV. This sets ≈ 0.015 as an upper bound for $\sin^2 \varphi_t$. Therefore, from the model's consistency (equations (2.7)-(2.8)), one obtains $\sin^2 \varphi_b$ to be smaller than $\approx 10^{-5}$. On the other hand, the “new physics” contributions to the parameter S are so small that they may be safely neglected.

⁴This result should be contrasted with the limit on the heavy fermions' masses, ≈ 12 TeV, in models with a seesaw mechanism with weak-singlet quarks in both, top and bottom, sectors [5]. Contrary to our case it is the parameter R_b that place the most stringent limit in those models.

It is interesting to note that in a slightly different variant of our model in which the Yukawa mass terms, m_1 and m_2 , link two right-handed singlets, t_R and b_R , with both left-handed doublets, $\Psi_1 = (t_L, b_L)^T$ and $\Psi_2 = (T_L, B_L)^T$, i.e.

$$m_1 \bar{t}_L t_R + m_2 \bar{B}_L b_R, \quad (3.11)$$

one obtains the mixing in the left-handed mass eigenstates sector satisfying

$$\sin^2 \varphi_t^L \approx \cos^2 \varphi_b^L, \quad (3.12)$$

instead of, as in our low-energy setup, $\sin^2 \varphi_t^L \approx \sin^2 \varphi_b^L$. This in turn introduces off-diagonal terms in the W coupling matrix and affects $(\delta T)_{NP}$ by an additional dangerous term, $\approx (\delta T)_t (M^2/m_t^2) \sin^2(\varphi_t^L - \varphi_b^L)$. The cure for this, for example, would be to have $m_p \approx m_q$ which unfortunately makes the model structure highly constrained and therefore probably less viable.

4 Weak-Doublets in Models of Strong Dynamics - High-Energy realizations

The high-energy physical implication of the low-energy setup in Topcolor models, is that the weak-doublets structure offers a base for an economical, simultaneous dynamical generation of the top and bottom quark masses. In “commuting” ETC models, the weak-doublet seesaw mixing may relax the large shift in the bottom quark Z coupling which is otherwise proportional to the large top quark mass.

4.1 Toy Modeling in the Topcolor Spirit - Top-Bottom Color

In this subsection, we sketch a strong dynamics scenario, named Top-Bottom Color, in which both the top and bottom masses are generated through Topcolor type of dynamics while they are directly linked to the bulk of EW symmetry breaking. This labeling reflects the fact that here instead of just one additional (top) color group we deal with the additional two (top-bottom) color groups. After introducing the gauge structure and the fermionic assignments under the additional gauge structure we concentrate on the dynamics of the Top-Bottom Color scenario.

As is traditional in the framework of topcolor models, one assumes that the diagonal breaking $SU(3) \otimes SU(3) \rightarrow SU(3)$ provides the attractive binding Nambu - Jona-Lasinio (NJL) interactions [14] for fermions transforming under a stronger “initial” $SU(3)$ gauge group⁵. If these NJL forces are appropriately strong, then the composite scalar field may acquire the non-zero VEV and furthermore, provide

⁵At the end of this subsection we also illustrate the opposite case where one considers the existence of binding NJL forces between fermions of opposite handedness transforming under the two different “initial” $SU(3)$ gauge groups.

the dynamical masses for the strongly interacting fermions through their Yukawa couplings.

If the third generation quarks feel the same attractive NJL type of interactions, then necessarily the condensation proceeds in an isospin symmetric channel and consequently, the dynamical masses are equal. Therefore, in our class of models, we expect that the top and bottom quarks must feel different NJL forces. Since additional strong tilting $U(1)$ gauge groups are often found to be potentially dangerous [15] due to the triviality problem (see also for example [16]), we turn our attention to additional $SU(N)$ gauge groups (with $N \geq 3$) that exhibit more preferable high-energy behavior (characterized by a negative β function). Therefore, similar to [2, 5], we consider a high-energy sector containing a “trio” of strong $SU(3)$ copies, i.e. $SU(3)_1 \otimes SU(3)_2 \otimes SU(3)_3$, with strong gauge couplings, respectively, g_1 , g_2 , and g_3 as defined at some high-energy scale Λ_1 .

The strong multi-color sector exhibits a cascade of symmetry breakings of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SU(3)_1 \otimes SU(3)_2 \otimes SU(3)_3 & & \\ \downarrow [\Lambda_1, u_1] \downarrow & & \\ SU(3)_{1'} \otimes SU(3)_3 & , & (4.1) \\ \downarrow [\Lambda_2, u_2] \downarrow & & \\ SU(3)_{QCD} & & \end{array}$$

where Λ_1 , Λ_2 are the scales of the appropriate symmetry breakings and u_1 , u_2 are the diagonal VEV’s of the effective EW singlet scalar fields, Φ_1 and Φ_2 . In Appendix A we discuss in detail the gauge bosons’ mixing and couplings to the fermions if the running of the strong gauge couplings is neglected (that algebraic structure may prove useful as a guideline for the features of the model that are more emphasized when we turn on the running of gauge couplings).

The low-energy setup fermions, introduced in Section 2, transform as

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{1L} &= \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}, (1, 3, 1, 2, 1/6); \quad \Psi_{2L} = \begin{pmatrix} T_L \\ B_L \end{pmatrix}, (1, 1, 3, 2, 1/6); \\ \Psi_R &= \begin{pmatrix} T_R \\ B_R \end{pmatrix}, (1, 1, 3, 2, 1/6); \quad t_R, (1, 3, 1, 1, 2/3); \quad b_R, (3, 1, 1, 1, -1/3); \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where instead of gauge assignments under $SU(3)_{QCD}$, as in equation (2.1), we introduce assignments under the strong $SU(3)$ gauge “trio”. The schematic illustration of the cascade of symmetry breakings and low-energy setup fermion charge assignments under the strong $SU(3)$ gauge groups is shown in Fig. 1.

With this assignment of the low-energy setup fermions, each of the $SU(3)_1$ and $SU(3)_2$ gauge groups suffers from gauge anomalies. In order to cancel these anomalies and to provide the high-energy framework responsible for the effective scalar fields, Φ_1 and Φ_2 , and their diagonal VEV’s, we introduce four additional “intermediate” gauge groups, $SU(N_0)$, $SU(N_1)$, $SU(N_2)$ and $SU(N_3)$, plus two

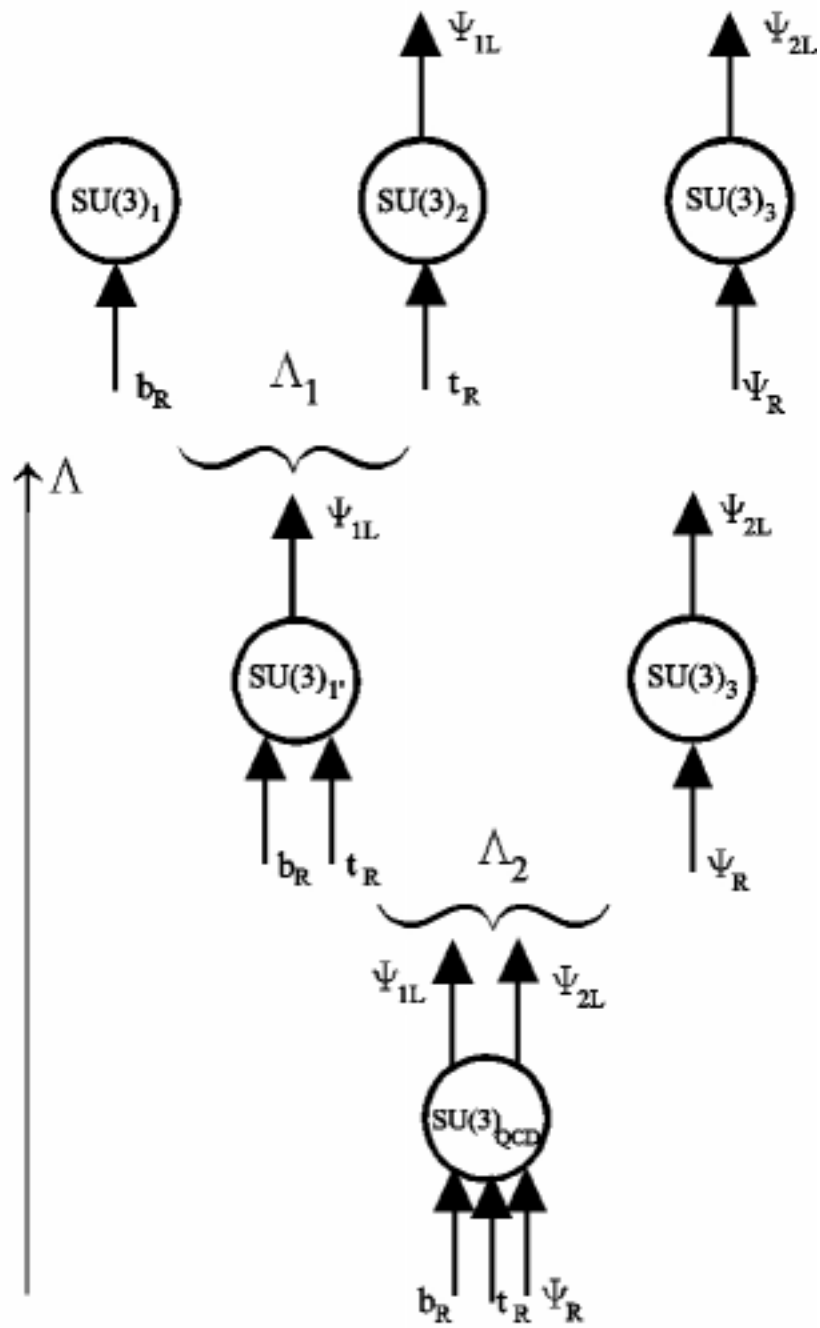


Figure 1: The schematic illustration of the cascade of symmetry breakings and low-energy setup fermion charge assignments under the strong $SU(3)$ gauge groups in the Top-Bottom Color scenario discussed in Section 4.1. Λ denotes an energy scale that increases in the direction of the long arrow.

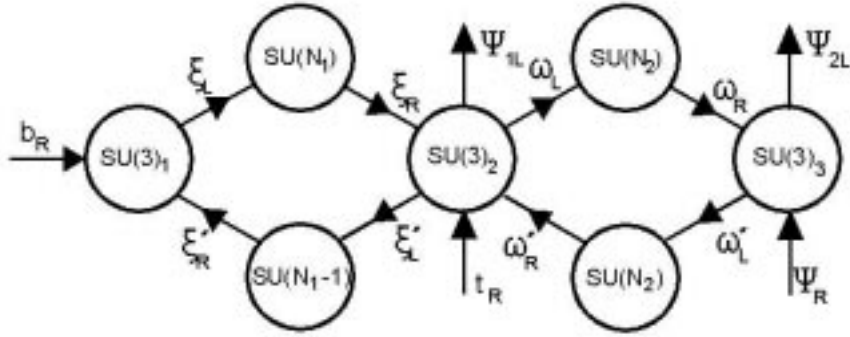


Figure 2: Illustration of the Top-Bottom Color model of Section 4.1 in “Moose” notation. Circles represent the gauge groups while lines represent fermions. Leaving lefthanded fermions (entering righthanded fermions) belong to the fundamental representation while entering lefthanded fermions (leaving righthanded fermions) belong to its conjugate representation under the appropriate gauge group.

sets of “intermediate” fermions, weak-singlet ξ and weak-doublet ω particles. This structure is shown in compact “Moose” notation [17] in Fig. 2.

The conditions for anomaly cancellations are

$$N_0 = N_1 - 1, \quad N_1 Y(\xi) = (N_1 - 1) Y(\xi') - \frac{1}{3}, \quad (4.3)$$

$$N_2 = N_3, \quad Y(\omega) = Y(\omega'). \quad (4.4)$$

In addition, we set $Y(\omega) = \frac{1}{6}$ and in order to have the preferred behavior of asymptotic freedom for “intermediate” gauge groups we assume $N_1 \geq 4$ and $N_2 \geq 3$. All “intermediate” fermions are degenerate fermions with the same isospin properties, and therefore, have no influence on the S parameter.

The reason for the doubling of the “intermediate” gauge groups in the ξ sector is the cancellation of strong $SU(3)_1$ and $SU(3)_2$ anomalies separately while avoiding the strong “linking” $U(1)$ group. The reason for the doubling of the “intermediate” gauge groups in the ω sector is correct vacuum alignment giving the diagonal breaking of $SU(3)_2 \otimes SU(3)_3$ while preserving the cancellation of strong $SU(3)_2$ and $SU(3)_3$ anomalies separately. Apart from aesthetical reasons, we do not find the doubling of “intermediate” gauge groups as a serious drawback for model dynamics. We assume that while sliding down in energies the group $SU(N_1)$ gets strong first at scale Λ_1 and triggers the diagonal breaking. An order of magnitude or so below the scale Λ_1 , the group $SU(N_1 - 1)$ becomes strong and just minimally supplies the diagonal breaking VEV, u_1 . In addition, we assume that at approximately the same scale, Λ_2 , both $SU(N_2)$ groups get strong⁶.

⁶This assumption about equal scales do not have to be unnatural - if both $SU(N_2)$ groups

The introduction of spectator (or light SM) quarks would probably simplify this not so compelling gauge structure. Here however, for the purpose of illustration, we concentrate just on the low-energy setup fermions. At this point we are not concerned with the presence of various global $U(1)$ groups that when broken would introduce strongly interacting Goldstone bosons - in a more realistic model these may be taken care of via appropriate high-dimensional fermion operators that would give rise to the masses of the appropriate pseudo Nambu-Goldstone bosons in the multi-TeV range.

At the energy scale Λ_1 , the “intermediate” group $SU(N_1)$ gets strong and binds the condensates of ξ particles that break $SU(3)_1 \otimes SU(3)_2$ down to its diagonal subgroup $SU(3)_{1'}$. This symmetry breaking generates an octet of massive precolorons, i.e. heavy colorons [18]. At energy scale Λ_1 we assume a hierarchy of the gauge coupling strengths $g_2 > g_1 \gg g_3$ for the strong gauge “trio”. The $SU(3)_{1'}$ gauge coupling, $g_{1'}$, assumed large, is $g_{1'} = (g_1^{-2} + g_2^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. The precoloron exchange diagrams, below their mass, M_c , produce effective 4-fermion interactions. Fiertzing interactions that couple lefthanded and righthanded currents of the low-energy setup fermions in the large N_c limit, one obtains NJL type interactions term proportional to

$$\frac{g_2^2}{M_c^2(g_1^2 + g_2^2)} \left[g_2^2 \left(\bar{\Psi}_{1L} t_R \right) \left(\bar{t}_R \Psi_{1L} \right) - g_1^2 \left(\bar{\Psi}_{1L} b_R \right) \left(\bar{b}_R \Psi_{1L} \right) \right]. \quad (4.5)$$

However, we assume that these interactions are not strong enough to trigger dynamical condensation. Nonetheless, as we will see later, they represent a crucial tilting needed for isospin splitting of the third generation quarks.

At energy scale Λ_2 the “intermediate” groups $SU(N_2)$ get strong and bind the condensates of ω particles that break $SU(3)_{1'} \otimes SU(3)_3$ down to its diagonal subgroup $SU(3)_{QCD}$. This symmetry breaking generates an octet of massive light colorons. The light coloron exchange diagrams, below their mass, M_L , produce effective 4-fermion interactions. Fiertzing interactions that couple lefthanded and righthanded currents of low-energy setup fermions in the large N_c limit, one obtains NJL type interaction terms proportional to

$$\frac{g_{1'}^4}{M_L^2(g_{1'}^2 + g_3^2)} \left[\left(\bar{\Psi}_{1L} t_R \right) \left(\bar{t}_R \Psi_{1L} \right) + \left(\bar{\Psi}_{1L} b_R \right) \left(\bar{b}_R \Psi_{1L} \right) \right]. \quad (4.6)$$

Below the scale Λ_1 , the strong coupling $g_{1'}$ runs enough so that the interactions of equation (4.6), at the scale M_L , are above critical and trigger the NJL condensation. This interaction alone would produce identical dynamical masses in the top and bottom quark sectors. However, when combined with the tilting NJL interactions of equation (4.5) (that are somewhat amplified at the scale M_L) they provide the

are embedded at some higher energy in a larger group, due to the identical running of the gauge coupling, as implied by the fermionic ω sector in Fig. 2, they become strong at approximately the same scale.

necessary isospin violation. Therefore, at the same scale, just below the light coloron mass, dynamical condensation is triggered in both the top and the bottom sectors. Difference in the VEV's of top (v_t) and bottom (v_b) composite scalar fields is caused purely by the difference in the strength of the triggering NJL attractive interactions.

As the top and the bottom masses are linked through the same seesaw mixing, the prediction of the Top-Bottom Color scenario is

$$\frac{m_t}{m_b} \approx \frac{m_1}{m_2} \approx \frac{v_t}{v_b} , \quad (4.7)$$

and we obtain the effective composite two-doublet Higgs model with $\tan \beta = m_t/m_b$ at low-energies.

If the compositeness scale, the scale of new physics, is not very large, then the dynamical mass, m_1 , is around 600 GeV - as implied by the Pagels-Stokar relationship (with fixed VEV, $v_t \approx v_{EW} \approx 246$ GeV, of the top composite scalar field). With a seesaw mass mechanism, the physical top quark is just partially dynamical and it can have the correct mass of ≈ 175 GeV.

One of the necessary ingredients of the seesaw mechanism, an $m_p \geq 5$ TeV mass term, may be thought to arise from an operator of the form

$$\frac{a}{M_{high}^2} (\bar{\Psi}_{1L} \omega_L) (\bar{\omega}_R \Psi_R) , \quad (4.8)$$

where a is a constant of order one and M_{high} represents the high-energy scale of the “flavor” physics. Using the rules of naive dimensional analysis [19], we find that this term provides the mass

$$m_p \approx 4\pi a \left(\frac{u_2^2}{M_{high}^2} \right) u_2 . \quad (4.9)$$

If flavor physics is weakly coupled, one may have $M_{high} < M_L$; therefore without the need for introduction of the huge finely tuned gap between the masses m_p and M_L (as the scale of “flavor” is naturally expected to be larger than Λ_2). Although we would like to deal with the mass terms in the final instance, as if they were dynamical in their origin, to simplify the picture here, we may treat m_q just as a bare mass term⁷, where we assume $m_p > m_q$.

If the attractive NJL interactions would exist between fermions of opposite handedness transforming under two different “initial” $SU(3)$ gauge groups (from general $SU(3) \otimes SU(3) \rightarrow SU(3)$ symmetry breaking, with condensation of $(3,1)_R$ and

⁷That is, of course, not a necessity - one may consider, for example, additional ω''_L and ω''_R “intermediate” fermions, that are weak doublets with hypercharge $\frac{1}{6}$ and that link only the $SU(3)_3$ circle and, for example, the “lower” $SU(N_2)$ circle in Fig. 2, i.e. transforming in the fundamental representation under these two gauge groups only. Below the scale $\Lambda'_2 (< \Lambda_2)$ (due to the slightly slower running the “lower” $SU(N_2)$ become strong enough at slightly lower energy than its “upper” $SU(N_2)$ partner group) their condensation may provide the $m_q (< m_p)$ mass term.

$(1, 3)_L$ fermions), in order to obtain the top condensation, one would simply need to exchange the charge assignment of the right-handed top and bottom quarks under the strong gauge “trio”⁸, i.e.

$$t_R, (3, 1, 1, 1, 2/3); \quad b_R, (1, 3, 1, 1, -1/3) . \quad (4.10)$$

The top condensation in this case would need to be triggered at Λ_1 instead of at Λ_2 - as the NJL interactions triggered at the scale Λ_2 (being proportional to g_{QCD}^2 in this case, as implied by equation (A.16) and $g_{QCD} \approx g_3$) would be insufficiently weak⁹. In this different scheme the bottom quark may obtain its mass via high-dimension fermion operators (the simplest one is dimension nine) that would provide an effective Yukawa type coupling to the top composite scalar field.

4.2 Effect on R_b in “Commuting” ETC Models

In ETC models [6] in which m_t is generated by the exchange of a weak-singlet ETC gauge boson, the shift in the EW bottom quark coupling is proportional [7] to the large m_t . This alone causes the parameter R_b to decrease outside the experimentally allowed region. Armed with additional left-handed and right-handed weak-doublets and our seesaw mechanism, a similar analysis shows that this strong constraint may be slightly relaxed.

As is standard [7, 20], one may consider the ETC gauge boson of mass M_{ETC} coupling to the current

$$-C\bar{\Psi}_{1L}\gamma^\mu\chi_L + \frac{1}{C}\bar{t}_R\gamma^\mu U_R , \quad (4.1)$$

where χ_L is the left-handed technifermion weak-doublet, U_R is the right-handed technifermion weak-singlet, and C is a Clebsch, expected to be of order one.

The mass m_1 , related to the top quark mass, is generated through a four-fermion interaction (when one integrates out the heavy ETC boson at energies below M_{ETC}) of the form

$$-\frac{g_{ETC}^2}{M_{ETC}^2} (\bar{\Psi}_{1L}\gamma^\mu\chi_L) (\bar{U}_R\gamma^\mu t_R) + h.c. \quad (4.2)$$

After Fiertzing this operator and using rules of naive dimensional analysis [19], one estimates

$$m_1 \approx \frac{g_{ETC}^2}{M_{ETC}^2} 4\pi v_t^3 , \quad (4.3)$$

where $v_t = v_{EW}$. On the other hand, the $b_L\bar{b}_L$ vertex to Z is affected, i.e. the tree-level b_L coupling is shifted by [7]

$$\delta g_L^{ETC}(b_L) = \frac{1}{4}C^2 \frac{m_1}{4\pi v_{EW}} \frac{e}{\sin\theta_W \cos\theta_W} \approx \frac{1}{4}C^2 \frac{m_t/\cos\varphi_t^L}{4\pi v_{EW}} \frac{e}{\sin\theta_W \cos\theta_W} . \quad (4.4)$$

⁸One of the conditions for anomaly cancelation would need to be changed as well, i.e. $N_1 Y(\xi) = (N_1 - 1)Y(\xi') + (2/3)$.

⁹As suggested by the gap equations in the NJL approximation [14].

This large shift is translated to b_L^m (mass eigenstate) multiplied by $\cos^2 \varphi_b^L \approx \cos^2 \varphi_t^L$ and therefore the physical bottom coupling to Z is affected by an amount proportional to $\cos \varphi_t^L$ (which is not constrained by the EW data, i.e. may be quite small)

$$\delta g_L^{ETC}(b_L^m) = \frac{1}{4} C^2 \frac{m_t}{4\pi v_{EW}} \frac{e}{\sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W} \cos \varphi_t^L. \quad (4.5)$$

Whether the described mechanism may open some new space for the simplest class of models in which ETC and weak gauge groups commute is highly questionable. Apart from the dangerous [21] ETC “direct” [22] and “indirect” contributions to isospin violation in the $t - b$ sector (that exist independently of the introduced seesaw mechanism), raising the Yukawa type of mass term, i.e $m_1 \approx m_t / \cos \varphi_b^L$ necessarily lowers further the (already dangerously) low ETC top mass generation scale, $M_{ETC}/g_{ETC} \approx 1\text{TeV}$ [21], by a factor $\sqrt{\cos \varphi_b^L} \approx \sqrt{\cos \varphi_t^L}$.

5 What can $t\bar{t}$ production at the NLC tell us?

Production of $t\bar{t}$ at the NLC (operating, for example, at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV) is probably the most promising way to directly observe top seesaw mixing and to differentiate between the weak-doublet and weak-singlet class of models.

As we found in Section 3, the oblique T parameter constrains the right-handed top mixing, $\sin^2 \varphi_t$, to be smaller than roughly 0.015 in the weak-doublet case. The right-handed top coupling to the Z boson equals

$$\frac{e}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \varphi_t - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) = \frac{e}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} (g_R^{SM} + \delta_D), \quad (5.1)$$

where $\delta_D = (1/2) \sin^2 \varphi_t$, while the left-handed top coupling is the same as in SM. This represents roughly a 2% maximal relative shift in the top coupling. In the case of weak-singlet top seesaw mixing, the right-handed top coupling to Z is unchanged from its SM form while the left-handed coupling equals

$$\frac{e}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \varphi_t^s + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) = \frac{e}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} (g_L^{SM} - \delta_S), \quad (5.2)$$

where φ_t^s is the appropriate mixing angle in the weak-singlet case and $\delta_S = (1/2) \sin^2 \varphi_t^s$. Similar to the weak-doublet case, in the weak-singlet case [2, 23] $\sin^2 \varphi_t^s$ is found to be smaller than roughly 0.015. This represents roughly a 4% maximal relative shift in the top coupling. Therefore, compared to the SM axial coupling, the axial couplings in both doublet and singlet cases are smaller. However, the vector top coupling is slightly larger in the doublet case and slightly smaller in the singlet case as compared to the SM.

Recently it has been suggested [24] that the TESLA machine with center of mass energy of 500 GeV, an integrated luminosity of 300 fb^{-1} , and unpolarized beams

may reach a precision of 2% in the determination of the $Z\bar{t}t$ coupling (from the total of almost 35000 top pair events in the channel with one W decaying into $e\nu$ or $\mu\nu$ and the other W decaying hadronically). This may be enough for observing the case with weak-singlet mixing but it is insufficient for the weak-doublet case. We find the relative shifts in the total $t\bar{t}$ cross sections relative to pure SM QED (in the above mentioned channel) to be

$$\frac{\Delta F_1}{(F_1)_{SM}} = -0.06 \delta_D \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta F_1}{(F_1)_{SM}} = -0.44 \delta_S , \quad (5.3)$$

for the weak-doublet and the weak-singlet cases respectively.

Invoking the analysis of various asymmetries may considerably lower the needed integrated luminosity and help in differentiating between the weak-doublet and weak-singlet cases - for example by correlating the total cross section with forward-backward asymmetry. We find a relative forward-backward asymmetry (in the above mentioned channel) to be significant

$$\frac{\Delta A_{FB}^t}{(A_{FB}^t)_{SM}} = -1.60 \delta_D \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta A_{FB}^t}{(A_{FB}^t)_{SM}} = -1.46 \delta_S , \quad (5.4)$$

for the weak-doublet and the weak-singlet cases respectively. A more sophisticated analysis allowing an even smaller integrated luminosity may also be possible.

6 Conclusions

We presented a class of models with a third generation seesaw mixing with new vector-like weak-doublet quarks. We analyzed a low-energy phenomenology and proposed several strong dynamics, high-energy realizations of these models.

We discussed a low-energy phenomenology and found that the oblique T parameter places the strongest constraints on the model parameters. Assuming the dynamical mass in the top sector to be 600 GeV, as determined by the Pagels-Stokar relationship, we found that the heavy fermions must weight at least 5 TeV. That implies an upper limit on the right-handed mixing in the top sector, $\sin^2 \varphi_t$, to be roughly 0.015 (or 2% relative shift in the $Z\bar{t}t$ coupling) while the right-handed mixing in the bottom sector, $\sin^2 \varphi_b$, has to be smaller than 10^{-5} . Left-handed mixings are not constrained by EW data.

We proposed a class of high-energy models in the Topcolor spirit, named Top-Bottom Color, with weak-doublets structure in the low-energy limit. In this class of models we obtained an effective, composite two Higgs doublet model with $\tan \beta = m_t/m_b$ at low-energy and a realistic top quark mass. Instead of using a strong, triviality-sensitive $U(1)$ gauge group, we introduced the isospin mass splitting via tilting 4-fermion operators related to the broken non-abelian, asymptotically free gauge interactions.

In addition, we suggested that a search at the NLC and analysis of the $t\bar{t}$ production asymmetries may have the best potential for direct observation of different top couplings in the EW sector. Furthermore, we discussed how one can distinguish between the two different (weak-doublet and weak-singlet) types of seesaw mixing by correlating different measurements; for example, the total cross section relative to the pure SM QED cross section and the forward-backward asymmetry (although a more refined approach, requiring even smaller integrated luminosity, may be possible as well).

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A Details of Top-Bottom Color Symmetry Breaking (without running)

To express some details of Top-Bottom Color symmetry breaking (without running) in a compact form we use the following notation

$$\begin{aligned} a &= g_1 u_1, \quad b = g_2 u_1, \quad c = g_2 u_2, \quad d = g_3 u_2, \\ N_0 &= \sqrt{a^2 c^2 + a^2 d^2 + b^2 d^2}, \quad N_1 = a^2 + b^2, \quad N_2 = c^2 + d^2, \\ \text{and } F(x) &= N_2 x^2 + N_0^2 (N_1 - 2x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

where gauge couplings (g 's) and VEV's (u 's) are as introduced in Section 4.1.

At the scale Λ_1 the groups $SU(3)_1$ and $SU(3)_2$ are broken down to a diagonal $SU(3)_{1'}$. Therefore, the appropriate description, for energies below Λ_1 and above Λ_2 , follows from the gauge boson mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^2 & -ab \\ -ab & b^2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.2}$$

Diagonalization of this matrix gives one zero mass eigenvalue, corresponding to the pregluon field. The mass squared eigenvalue corresponding to the precoloron field is

$$M_c^2 = N_1 = a^2 + b^2 = (g_1^2 + g_2^2) u_1^2. \tag{A.3}$$

To obtain the precoloron and pregluon fields one rotates the initial unbroken fields via the unitary real matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{\sqrt{N_1}} & \frac{-b}{\sqrt{N_1}} \\ \frac{-b}{\sqrt{N_1}} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{N_1}} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.4}$$

Therefore, the coupling of precolorons is read directly¹⁰ as

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{N_1}}g_1T_1 - \frac{b}{\sqrt{N_1}}g_2T_2 = \frac{g_1^2T_1 - g_2^2T_2}{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where T_1 and T_2 are $SU(3)_1$ and $SU(3)_2$ generators. Similarly, the coupling of pregluons is

$$\frac{b}{\sqrt{N_1}}g_1T_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{N_1}}g_2T_2 = g_{1'}(T_1 + T_2), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where $g_{1'} = (g_1^{-2} + g_2^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

For energies below Λ_2 , the appropriate description follows from the gauge boson mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^2 & -ab & 0 \\ -ab & b^2 + c^2 & -cd \\ 0 & -cd & d^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Diagonalization of this matrix gives one zero mass eigenvalue, corresponding to the standard gluon field. The squared masses of the heavy¹¹ and the light colorons are given as

$$M_{H,L}^2 = \frac{N_1 + N_2}{2} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4N_0^2}{(N_1 + N_2)^2}} \right). \quad (\text{A.8})$$

To obtain the heavy coloron, standard gluon, and light coloron fields one rotates the initial unbroken gauge fields via the unitary real matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{abc}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}} & \frac{(a^2 - M_H^2)c}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}} & -\frac{(N_1 - M_H^2)d}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}} \\ \frac{bd}{N_0} & \frac{ad}{N_0} & \frac{ac}{N_0} \\ \frac{abc}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} & \frac{(a^2 - M_L^2)c}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} & -\frac{(N_1 - M_L^2)d}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Therefore, the coupling of heavy colorons is

$$\frac{abc}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}}g_1T_1 + \frac{(a^2 - M_H^2)c}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}}g_2T_2 - \frac{(N_1 - M_H^2)d}{\sqrt{F(M_H^2)}}g_3T_3. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

The coupling of standard gluons is

$$\frac{bd}{N_0}g_1T_1 + \frac{ad}{N_0}g_2T_2 + \frac{ac}{N_0}g_3T_3 = g_{QCD}(T_1 + T_2 + T_3), \quad (\text{A.11})$$

¹⁰As a consequence of the covariant derivative being unchanged.

¹¹Heavy coloron may be thought as low-energy descendant of the precoloron.

where $g_{QCD} = (g_1^{-2} + g_2^{-2} + g_3^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. Finally, the coupling of light colorons is

$$\frac{abc}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} g_1 T_1 + \frac{(a^2 - M_L^2)c}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} g_2 T_2 - \frac{(N_1 - M_L^2)d}{\sqrt{F(M_L^2)}} g_3 T_3. \quad (\text{A.12})$$

If we assume a hierarchy with $N_1 \gg N_2$ and particularly $b^2 > a^2$, $c^2 > d^2$, and $a^2, b^2 \gg c^2, d^2$ roughly corresponding to the scenario described in Section 4.1 with $u_1^2 \gg u_2^2$ and $g_2^2 > g_1^2 \gg g_3^2$, a few simplifications are in order

$$M_H^2 \approx N_1 + N_2 - \frac{N_0^2}{N_1 + N_2} \approx N_1 \quad M_L^2 \approx \frac{N_0^2}{N_1 + N_2}. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Therefore we find

$$\sqrt{F(M_H^2)} \approx bc\sqrt{N_1} \approx bc\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Now, it is straightforward to see that the heavy coloron couples quite strongly just to fermions transforming under $SU(3)_2$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} g_1 T_1 - \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} g_2 T_2 + \frac{bcd}{(a^2 + b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} g_3 T_3 \\ &= \frac{g_1^2 T_1 - g_2^2 T_2}{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}} + \frac{g_2^2 g_3^2}{(g_1^2 + g_2^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{u_2^2}{u_1^2} T_3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

On the other hand, in the same approximation, but for the small values of argument x , i.e. $x \ll N_1$, one has $F(x) \approx N_0^2 N_1$, and therefore, $\sqrt{F(M_L^2)} \approx ac\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.

This clearly implies that the light coloron couples strongly (with almost the same strength) to the fermions transforming under both $SU(3)_1$ and $SU(3)_2$ gauge groups. In other words, the light coloron coupling in this approximation may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} g_1 T_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} g_2 T_2 - \frac{d\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{ac} g_3 T_3 \\ &= \frac{g_1 g_2}{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}} (T_1 + T_2) - \frac{g_3^2 \sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}}{g_1 g_2} T_3 \\ &= g_{1'} (T_1 + T_2) - \frac{g_3^2 \sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}}{g_1 g_2} T_3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.16})$$

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